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 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
 AT TACOMA

7 LAWANDA A. JOHNSON, PH.D.,  
 8 Plaintiff,

9 vs.

10 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
 Washington, DC 20530-0001

11 and Component

12 Federal Bureau of Prisons  
 13 320 First Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20534  
 14 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:25-cv-01181-DWC

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF  
 COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.  
 (5 U.S.C. § 552).

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 16 **LaWanda A. Johnson, Ph.D.** swears thusly:

17 1. I submitted a Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Federal Bureau of  
 18 Prisons (“BOP”), component of the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), on or about  
 19 April 24, 2025.

20 2. Attached as EXHIBIT ‘A’ is a true and correct copy of the FOIA request referenced in  
 21 paragraph #1. Notably, my “*Inmate Number*,” *signature* and “*Certification of Identity*”  
 22 are transcribings. (“A transcript or a transcribing is substantially a copy.” U.S. v.  
 23 Gaussin, 86 U.S. 198, 212, 22 L. Ed. 41 (1873); see also, Fed. R. Evid. #1003).

24 3. I seek my own medical records through the referenced FOIA request; and, “under 45  
 25 C.F.R. § 164.524(a)(1), ‘an individual has a right of access to inspect and obtain a copy  
 26 of protected health information.’” (Brownlee v. Cnty. of Los Angeles, No. LA CV21-  
 27 DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. (5 U.S.C. § 552). - 1

1 01118 JAK (JPRX), 2023 WL 11950369, at \*6 (C.D. Cal. June 20, 2023); see also, 42  
2 U.S.C. § 17935(b)(1)(B)- authorizing regulations).

3 4. EXHIBIT ‘B’ is a true and correct copy of a May 8, 2025 correspondence from the BOP  
4 acknowledging my FOIA request was received and assigned “FOIA Request Number  
5 2025-04069”; and, claiming an “unusual circumstance.”

6 5. EXHIBIT ‘C’ is a true and correct copy of a May 8, 2025 correspondence from me sent  
7 to the BOP electronically on May 9, 2025, seeking, *inter alia*, an alternative time  
8 schedule.

9 6. I spoke with a BOP agent by telephone on or about May 12, 2025. I requested assistance  
10 in establishing an alternative time schedule.

11 7. EXHIBIT ‘D’ is a true and correct copy of a May 16, 2025 correspondence from the BOP  
12 estimating February 13, 2026 as an anticipated date of completion.

13 8. EXHIBIT ‘E’ is a true and correct copy of a May 19, 2025 correspondence from me sent  
14 to the BOP requesting expedited processing.

15 9. EXHIBIT ‘F’ is a true and correct copy of a May 27, 2025 correspondence from the BOP  
16 refusing expedited processing.

17 10. EXHIBIT ‘G’ is a true and correct copy of a June 3, 2025 correspondence from me sent  
18 to the BOP reaffirming a compelling need for my personal medical information.

19 11. I spoke with a BOP agent by telephone on or about June 3, 2025, and: *i*) modified the  
20 request; *ii*) requested an alternative time period for processing be arranged; and *iii*)  
21 reaffirmed a compelling need for my personal medical information. (See 28 C.F.R. §  
22 16.5(e)(1)(iii) and paragraph #3 *supra*).).

23 12. EXHIBIT ‘H’ is a true and correct copy of a June 12, 2025 correspondence from the BOP.

1       13. As of this filing, I am unaware of the component's reason for not arranging an alternative  
2                  time period for processing that allows me to inspect and copy my personal medical  
3                  information at a local component facility.

4       14. As of this filing, I cannot say that I was provided the opportunity to speak with a  
5                  component designated Public Liaison as required by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i)(II) and  
6                  28 C.F.R. § 16.5(c).

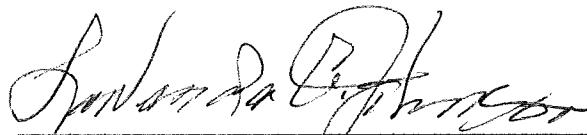
7       15. I requested, but was provided no opportunity to raise my concerns with designated  
8                  component Public Liaison, Kara Christenson; nor, designated component Public Liaison,  
9                  Eugene Baime.

10      16. "In 2007, Congress enacted the OPEN Government Act of 2007 ... which included  
11                  amendments to FOIA." (Jud. Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., No. CIV.A.08-  
12                  2133, 2009 WL 1743757, at \*3 (D.D.C. June 15, 2009)).

13      17. "FOIA Public Liaisons shall report to the agency Chief FOIA Officer and shall serve as  
14                  supervisory officials to whom a requester under this section can raise concerns about the  
15                  service the requester has received from the FOIA Requester Center, following an initial  
16                  response from the FOIA Requester Center Staff. FOIA Public Liaisons shall be  
17                  responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of  
18                  the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes." (OPENNESS  
19                  PROMOTES EFFECTIVENESS IN OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2007  
20                  ("Open Government Act of 2007"), PL 110-175, December 31, 2007, 121 Stat 2524-  
21                  codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(l)).

1 I swear the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understanding,  
2 under the laws of the United States.  
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5 Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.  
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LaWanda A. Johnson, Ph.D. (*In propria  
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